

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 128
SENATE BILL NO. 805

By Overbey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1554

By Montgomery

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16 and Title 17, Chapter 1, relative to city courts of home rule municipalities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-17-101, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting the following:

(a) In each home rule municipality that does not have a city court ordained and established by the general assembly, a city court is created to try violations of municipal ordinances. The governing body of the municipality may increase the number of divisions of the court created by this subsection (a).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-17-102, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

The judge of the city court shall be appointed on the nomination of the mayor and concurred in by the city council or other legislative body, but the appointed judge shall serve only until the next general election, at which time a judge or judges will be elected.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-17-104, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

In those home rule municipalities that have city courts and whose divisions have been increased by the legislative body, the new divisions have the same power as other divisions and are under the same direction and control as provided in this part and the municipality's charter.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 20, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 5th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR